

KIDDERMINSTER  
Rural District Council.

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**ANNUAL REPORTS**

OF THE  
Medical Officer of Health,  
AND  
INSPECTOR OF NUISANCES  
FOR  
**1900.**

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# Rural District Council

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# KIDDERMINSTER RURAL DISTRICT.

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## *ANNUAL REPORT for the year ended December 31st, 1900.*

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*To the Chairman and Members of the Rural District  
Council.*

GENTLEMEN,

The number of Births registered in the district during the year is 252, or 24·72 per 1,000:

The Deaths have been 146, or 14·31 per 1,000, a higher rate than that of last year, but not high compared with that of similar districts, nor when we note that 37 were those of infants under twelve months, and 49 at the age of 65 and upwards.

SICKNESS .—

Twenty-three cases of Scarlet Fever have been notified, of which nine have been removed into the Infectious Hospital, and all have recovered.

Eleven cases of Diphtheria have been notified, one of which, at Foley Park, proved fatal. Three others were members of one family, living in a house with untrapped and unventilated drains close to the back door; this dangerous condition has been remedied by the owner, under strong pressure.

There have been six cases of Enteric Fever notified, one of them, also a resident in Foley Park, ended fatally; the remainder were mild cases.

Erysipelas has been notified in twelve cases, all isolated ones.

All infectious cases have been, on receipt of notification, promptly visited by the Inspector, and their surroundings thoroughly investigated. He at once forwards me his report, and also keeps me fully informed of all the important details of his work, and is in constant communication with me.

I have visited the various portions of my district during the year, systematically, as well as when any special circumstances have arisen, requiring my personal attention, as for instance :—

March 29th. I visited a field in occupation of Wellsbury, at Broadwaters, where a large accumulation of horse entrails and other garbage was said to be in a very noxious condition ; I found the same had been covered with lime and soil, and was not in any way offensive.

April 28th. In consequence of a complaint concerning a ditch at Shenstone, on the public road, into which a drain emptied, I visited the spot, and found the ditch perfectly dry and free from smell. Soapsuds from the laundry were lying in the ditch opposite the Plough Inn.

May 9th. I called Inspector's attention to Parker's Cottages at Caunsall. All the drains were stopped up, water and soapsuds lying on the yard, and over the well, into which percolation was likely to take place. The inhabitants complaining also of bad smells from the drains.

Between May 14th and 31st, a slight outbreak of Scarlet Fever occurred in Chaddesley Village (three cases, besides one at Cakebole). I visited the village on five separate occasions, with a view to tracing, if possible, the source of infection, and deciding whether it was necessary to recommend the closing of the schools, which the Vicar was very anxious should be done. Considering the special circumstances of the cases, the first one being completely isolated in the policeman's house and the others removed at once to the Infectious Hospital, I did not think it necessary to interfere with the schools.

July 2nd. I called the Inspector's attention to a house in Hill Grove Crescent, where the ventilator of the indoor closet soil-pipe was placed exactly on a level with, and close to, a bedroom window ; the out-door w.c. appearing to have no ventilator at all.



August 1st. At Inspector's request, I visited Factory Row, Cookley, where there was only one closet available for the whole row of houses, including the Coffee Tavern, whose customers make use of it; a second closet being in such a dilapidated condition that it could be neither used nor emptied. The owner was required to provide proper accommodation.

August 31st. At Inspector's request I visited a cottage at Caunsall adjoining Mr. Perkins'. The roof was falling in and leaky, the ceilings and wall plaster also tumbling down, and the loose roof tiles and chimney bricks of the adjoining empty cottage were dangerous, both to the inhabitants in their bedrooms, and to their children in the garden, as well as to the passers-by in the road. Notice was sent to the agent to put the place in proper habitable condition.

In October, I called Inspector's attention to a choked and overflowing drain at Lewis's, Bridgnorth Road, also to an accumulation of garbage, bones, etc., near the Lowe Farm House, the stench from which was frightful; on receipt of Inspector's notice this was ploughed in on the following day.

In October also, in consequence of a complaint having been made that pigs were being kept in an offensive condition at Caunsall by Messrs. Hadley and Tarrant, I visited the premises, and could find no nuisance, nor, in fact, anything objectionable.

November 21st. Having been informed that a cow had died of Anthrax at Oldington, I visited the farm the same day in conjunction with Mr. Conchie, veterinary surgeon, enquiring into the circumstances and all the arrangements made in consequence: as to the burial of the carcase, destruction of all infected material, disinfection, etc., warning the manager not to sell any milk, nor allow any from the farm to be used for human consumption, and requesting him to keep a careful watch upon the health of the men who had come in contact with the beast. I subsequently wrote requesting the manager not to allow the milk to be given to pigs, but to destroy it, and also to fence off the plot where the carcase was buried, and from time to time to disinfect the surface soil, in case worms should bring up the *Bacillus Anthracis*.

Overcrowding has been detected in four separate instances, and abated upon notice from the Inspector.

In three cases, a deficient water supply has been dealt with and remedied; in other respects the supply of the district has been—excepting in Wribbenhall, satisfactory. I should be failing in my duty if I omitted to refer to the question of the drainage of Somerleyton Avenue, and to express my earnest hope that your negotiations with the Borough authorities will lead to an early decision as to the manner in which that most pressing necessity will be dealt with; not forgetting also the Sutton Common and Whitville regions, which are greatly in need of better drainage, as I have pointed out before.

The Bakehouses and Slaughterhouses have been regularly looked after, and found, on the whole, well kept.

The district is, I consider, with the exceptions referred to, in a good sanitary condition. It has been so throughout the year, and the health of the inhabitants has been well maintained.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

E. H. ADDENBROOKE.

*8th February, 1901.*



TABLE I.  
KIDDERMINSTER RURAL DISTRICT. (FOR WHOLE DISTRICT.)

YEAR.	Population estimated to middle of each year.	BIRTHS.		DEATHS UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE		DEATHS AT ALL AGES. TOTAL.		DEATHS IN PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS.	Deaths of Non-residents registered in District.	Deaths of Residents registered beyond District.	DEATHS AT ALL AGES. NETT.	
		Number.	Rate,*	Number	Rate per 1000 Births registered.	Number	Rate.*				Number	Rate.*
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1890	10984	261	23.76	26	92.72	150	13.64	...	...	...	150	13.64
1891	10700	261	24.39	31	118.4	152	14.2	...	...	...	152	14.2
1892	9966	234	23.48	39	166.66	187	18.76	6	...	...	181	18.2
1893	9978	262	26.25	27	103.05	155	15.53	10	...	...	145	14.5
1894	9988	252	25.15	27	107.14	134	13.42	4	...	...	130	13.1
1895	9978	250	25.04	26	104	133	13.33	1	...	...	132	13.28
1896	10018	239	23.85	28	117.11	109	10.8	1	...	...	108	10.7
1897	10200	213	20.88	29	136.15	117	11.47	2	...	...	115	11.27
1898	10100	232	22.7	17	73.28	110	10.78	...	...	...	110	10.78
1899	10100	268	26.27	26	97.01	128	12.55	2	...	...	126	12.35
Averages for years												
1890-99	10200	247.2	24.17	27.6	111.6	137.5	13.44	2.6	...	...	134.9	13.24
1900	10200	252	24.72	37	146.82	146	14.31	...	...	...	146	14.31

\* Rates calculated per 1000 of estimated population.

Area of District in Acres (exclusive of area covered by water), 32,935.  
Total population at all ages at Census of 1891, 9941 ; Number of inhabited houses, 2139 ; Average number of persons per house, 4.64.



(TABLE II.)—KIDDERMINSTER RURAL DISTRICT.

Names of Localities.	WHOLE DISTRICT.				KIDDERMINSTER FOREIGN				WOLVERLEY				CHADDESLEY CORBETT.				BEWDLEY.			
	Population esti- mated to middle of each Year.	Births registered.	Deaths at all Ages.	Deaths under 1 year.	Population esti- mated to middle of each Year.	Births registered.	Deaths at all Ages.	Deaths under 1 year.	Population esti- mated to middle of each year.	Births registered.	Deaths at all Ages.	Deaths under 1 year.	Population esti- mated to middle of each year.	Births registered.	Deaths at all ages.	Deaths under 1 year.	Population esti- mated to middle of each year.	Births registered.	Deaths at all ages.	Deaths under 1 year.
1890	10984	261	150	26	2700	71	59	9	3510	82	44	11	2414	57	24	2	2360	51	23	4
1891	10700	261	152	31	2831	75	30	7	3510	71	50	11	2242	58	32	6	2117	57	40	7
1892	9966	234	187	39	2831	74	43	9	2751	72	60	14	2267	48	46	9	2117	40	38	7
1893	9978	262	155	27	2831	72	45	5	2751	74	31	6	2279	60	31	3	2117	56	43	13
1894	9988	252	134	27	2831	74	34	5	2751	74	36	11	2289	60	33	3	2117	44	31	8
1895	9978	250	133	27	2831	79	45	6	2751	62	30	5	2279	56	39	8	2117	53	19	7
1896	10018	239	109	28	2831	66	23	8	2751	66	30	11	2319	71	26	6	2117	56	30	3
1897	10200	213	117	29	2998	84	33	6	2751	56	24	5	2334	59	38	16	2117	17	22	2
1898	10100	232	110	17	2998	62	*32	*5	2751	52	*30	*6	2234	63	*25	*3	2117	55	*23	*3
1899	10100	268	128	26	2998	70	*36	*7	2751	81	*34	*8	2234	75	*30	*6	2117	42	*28	*5
Averages of years 1890 to 1899 ...	10200	247.2	137.5	27.6	2868	72.7	38	6.7	2902.8	69	36.9	8.8	2289	60.7	32.4	5.2	2141	47.1	30.2	5.9
1900	10200	252	146	37	2998	69	30	12	2751	69	51	11	2234	60	33	8	2117	54	32	6

\* Averages—the actual exact numbers not being available



KIDDERMINSTER RURAL DISTRICT.

TABLE III.—CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE NOTIFIED DURING THE YEAR 1900.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE.	CASES NOTIFIED IN WHOLE DISTRICT.						TOTAL CASES NOTIFIED IN EACH LOCALITY.				No. OF CASES REMOVED TO HOSPITAL FROM EACH LOCALITY.			
	At all Ages.	At Ages—Years.					Kidderminster Foreign.	Wolverley.	Chaddesley Corbett.	Bewdley.	Kidderminster Foreign.	Wolverley.	Chaddesley Corbett.	Bewdley.
		Under 1.	1 to 5.	5 to 15.	15 to 25.	25 to 65.								
Small-pox ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	H	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cholera ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Diphtheria ..	11	..	..	8	2	1	6	3	2	..	..	..	..	..
Membranous Croup ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Erysipelas ..	12	..	..	..	2	9	..	3	2	2	..	..	..	..
Scarlet Fever ..	23	..	7	12	4	..	8	4	8	3	..	1	3	1
Typhus Fever ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Enteric Fever ..	6	..	1	3	1	1	5	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Relapsing Fever ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Continued Fever ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Puerperal Fever..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Plague.. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals ..	52	..	8	23	9	11	24	10	13	5	4	1	3	1

H.—Kidderminster Borough Infectious Hospital, Stourport Road

# KIDDERMINSTER RURAL DISTRICT.

TABLE IV.—CAUSES OF, AND AGES AT, DEATH DURING YEAR 1900.

CAUSES OF DEATH	DEATHS IN WHOLE DISTRICT AT SUBJOINED AGES.							DEATHS IN LOCALITIES (AT ALL AGES).			
	All Ages.	Under 1.	1 and under 5.	5 and under 15.	15 and under 25.	25 and under 65.	65 and up- wards.	Kidder- minster Foreign	Wolver- ley.	Chadde- ley. Corbett.	Bewdley.
Whooping Cough ..	4	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..
Diphtheria & Membranous Croup ..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Enteric Fever ..	1	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..
Epidemic Influenza ..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	2	..
Diarrhoea ..	4	4	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	1	1
Enteritis ..	8	6	1	..	..	..	1	2	3	2	1
Phthisis ..	11	..	1	..	4	5	1	2	3	2	4
Other Tubercular Diseases ..	6	1	1	..	2	2	..	3	1	2	..
Cancer, Malignant disease ..	8	..	..	..	..	4	4	4	3	1	..
Bronchitis ..	11	4	1	..	..	2	4	3	4	2	2
Pneumonia ..	9	1	2	1	1	1	3	1	4	3	1
Alcoholism — Cirrhosis of Liver ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..
Diseases and Accidents of Parturition ..	2	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2
Heart Diseases ..	13	..	..	..	..	7	6	3	6	2	2
Accidents ..	6	1	..	2	1	2	..	2	1	2	1
Suicides ..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..
All other causes ..	58	15	1	1	2	11	28	6	21	12	19
All causes ..	146	37	7	5	11	37	49	30	51	33	32

ANNUAL REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICER OF  
HEALTH FOR 1900.

RURAL DISTRICT OF KIDDERMINSTER.

Area in Acres, 32,935.	Population (1881) 10,429.
	„ (1891) 9,941.
	Decrease (1881-91) 488.
	„ Estimated Population (1900) 10,200.

Name of Medical Officer of Health :—E. H. ADDENBROOKE.

Mortality per 1,000 of Population living during same period :—

	Birth Rate, 24·72.		Death Rate, 14·31.	
Zymotic Death Rate	..	..	..	·98
Infantile Mortality,	..	..	..	146·82
Phthisis Death Rate	..	..	..	1·07
Respiratory Death Rate	..	..	..	1·96
Small Pox Death Rate	..	..	..	—
Measles Death Rate	..	..	..	—
Scarlatina Death Rate	..	..	..	—
Diphtheria and Membranous Croup Death Rate	..	..	..	·098
Whooping Cough Death Rate	..	..	..	·39
Fever Death Rate ..	..	..	..	·098
Diarrhœa Death Rate	..	..	..	1·17
Enteritis Death Rate,	..	..	..	·78
Cancer, Malignant Disease Death Rate, ..	..	..	..	·78

	Small Pox	Measles.	Scarlatina.	Diphtheria.	Membranous Croup.	Fev e	Erysipelas.	Puerperal Fever.
Cases .. .. .	..	..	23	11	..	6	12	..
Deaths ... ..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..
Hospital Cases ... ..	..	..	9	..	..	..	..	..
„ Deaths ... ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

During the year ending 31st December 1900, the following diseases were reported to the Medical Officer of Health during the year ending 31st December 1900.



# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF NUISANCES.

KIDDERMINSTER,

JANUARY 1ST, 1901.

*To the Chairman and Members of the Kidderminster  
Rural District Council.*

GENTLEMEN,

I beg leave to present you with my Sixteenth Annual Report for the year ending December 31st, 1900.

The number of notices served for the removal and abatement of nuisances was 254, as against 293 in the previous year—decrease 39. The notices related to 132 nuisances as against 183 in the previous year,—decrease 51.

Of the 132 nuisances dealt with, 129 were abated, leaving three outstanding.

## DESCRIPTION OF NUISANCES DEALT WITH :

Foul and offensive privy ashpits	...	...	58
Overflowing dumbwells	...	...	3
Defective privy ashpits	...	...	8
Filthy or unwholesome dwelling houses	...	...	9
Overcrowding cases	...	...	4
Accumulations	...	...	8
Open and foul ditch	...	...	1
Defective drainage	..	...	18
Open cesspool	...	...	2
Tubs of stale wash	...	...	2
Foul swine	...	...	2
Want of a proper water supply	...	...	3
Ventilator and soil pipe defective	...	...	1
Defective spouting	...	...	2
Defective dumbwell pump	.	..	2
Defective water closets	...	...	2
Miscellaneous nuisances	...	...	7
Total			<u>132</u>

## THE INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFICATION ACT OF 1889.

Under this Act 52 certificates have been received by me from the Medical Officer of Health relating to the following fevers, as against 48 last year. Increase 4.

In the CHADDESLEY District, comprising the parishes of Chaddesley Corbett, Stone, Broom, and Rushock :—

Scarlet Fever, ...	8 ;	last year, 0 ;	increase, 8.
Diphtheria ...	2 :	„ 0 ;	„ 2.
Erysipelas ...	2 ;	„ 7 ;	decrease, 5.
Typhoid ...	1 ;	„ 0 ;	increase, 1.
Total, 13 ;	as against 7 last year ;	increase, 6.	

—No infectious case reported for Rushock parish. The two cases of Erysipelas were John May, Cakebole, Chaddesley parish ; and Susan Hyde, of Shenstone in the parish of Stone. Diphtheria : Wood, Mustow Green, imported from Worcester ; and Lane, in Broom parish. Scarlet Fever : eight cases at Chaddesley, namely, Isles, Police Station ; Hemming (2) ; Perrins (2) ; Johnson, Cakebole ; and Aston (2), Sion Hill Farm. Typhoid Fever : Edwards, of Spennells Farm, Stone parish. The cases of Scarlet Fever were imported.

The BEWDLEY District, comprising Ribbesford, Dowles, and Upper Arley :—

Scarlet Fever, 3,	as against 1 last year ;	increase, 2.
Erysipelas 2,	„ 5 „ ;	decrease, 3.
Total, ... 5,	as against 6 last year ;	decrease, 1.

The Erysipelas cases were : one at Wribbenhall, named Palmer, and one at Catchem's End named Jones. One case of Scarlet Fever at Shatterford, named Shepherd ; and two at Severn House, Wribbenhall, named Llewellyn and Johnstone.

WOLVERLEY District, comprising Wolverley and Churchill :

Erysipelas, ...	3 ;	last year, 2 ;	Increase, 1.
Scarlet Fever ...	4 ;	„ 7 ;	decrease, 3.
Diphtheria ...	3 ;	„ 4 ;	„ 1.
Enteric Fever ...	0 ;	„ 1 ;	„ 1.
Total, 10 ;	as against 14 last year ;	„ 4.	

The cases were as follows : Erysipelas (3), Old Forge, Broadwaters ; Workhouse Bank ; Toye, “ Waggon and Horses,” Churchill. Scarlet Fever, (4), Oakes, Wolverley Grammar School ; Sion Hill Farm ; Skelding, Foundry Bank, Cookley ; and Best, Heathfield Lodge, Wolverley. Diphtheria (3), Melville, The Vicarage ; Haycock, and Price, The Sladd.

THE FOREIGN OF KIDDERMINSTER :

Scarlet Fever, 8 ;	as against 9 last year ;	decrease 1.
Erysipelas 5 ;	„ 3 „ ;	increase 2.
Diphtheria 6 :	„ 5 „ ;	„ 1.
Enteric 5 ;	„ 4 „ :	„ 1.
Total . 24 ;	„ 21 „ ;	„ 3.

The cases were as follows:—Scarlet Fever: Bennett, Highfield,; Coxon, Chester Road; Bourne, Sutton Road; Edwards, Hoobrook, three cases in one cottage; Crumpton, Sutton Road; Cartmale, Foley Park. Erysipelas: Hodgkinson, Marlpool Lane; Cartwright, Puxton; Newcomb, Franche Road; Brookes, Puxton; Manby, Wassall Wood. Diphtheria: Pratt, The Briars; Dunn, Foley Park; Morris, Franche, (three cases); Naylor, Somerleyton. Enteric: Mountford, Foley Park; Loynes, Comberton; Davies, Franche, (two cases); Barnes, The Huts, Eymore Wood.

Two cases proved fatal, namely, Westwood Dunn, Foley Park, aged 12 years, from Diphtheria; and Nelly Beatrice Mountford, Rose Villas, Foley Park, aged 24 years, from Enteric.

#### CASES REMOVED INTO THE BOROUGH INFECTIOUS HOSPITAL :—

Cases removed into Hospital 9, as against 6 last year; increase, 3. Cases as follows:—Hemming (2), Chaddesley Village; Edwards, Hoobrook (3 from one house); Johnson (1) Cakebole; Shepherd (1), Shatterford; Charles Cartmale (1), Foley Park; Best (1), Heathfield Lodge, Wolverley.

#### SUMMARY OF CASES :—

Diphtheria,...	11	;	as against 9 last year;	increase 2.
Scarlet Fever,	23	;	„ 17 „ ; „	6.
Erysipelas ...	12	;	„ 17 „ ; decrease	5.
Enteric ...	5	;	„ 5 „ ; same	
Typhoid ...	1	;	„ 0 „ ; increase	1.

#### WATER SUPPLY.

On the whole the water supply of the district has been well maintained.

#### PUBLIC HEALTH WATER ACT.

Under sec. 6, c. 25, one certificate has been granted by the Council with reference to two cottages erected on the Habberley Road, Bewdley, for having a supply of water fit for drinking and domestic purposes. Eleven houses have been erected, or are in course of erection, in the Foreign. These cottages have the town water from the Borough of Kidderminster laid on. A cottage has been erected at the Mearse Farm, having good water within available distance.

#### DISINFECTION.

In all cases of Fever a plentiful supply of disinfectants was given. Fumigation, cleansing, and whitewashing done.



## DAIRIES AND COWSHEDS.

These have had my surveillance from time to time, cleansing and whitewashing having been done several times, and found clean and satisfactory on inspection.

## BAKEHOUSES AND SLAUGHTER-HOUSES.

These have been regularly visited, and are kept in a satisfactory manner, cleansing and whitewashing being done.

## SYSTEMATIC INSPECTION.

This is regularly done in all parts of the district.

## CANAL BOATS ACTS AND REGULATIONS.

No. of boats inspected, 93 ; decrease from last year, 15.

No. conforming with Acts and Regulations, 85.

No. of boats with one or more infringements, 6.

No. of boats left outstanding, 2.

Total number of persons found on these boats : males, 281 ; females, 7 ; children, 11.

Absence of certificates of registration, 2.

Marking Act, 1877, sec. 3, 1884, sec. 7, regulation 7, 3.

Breach of Act 1877, sec. 3., 1. (Total 6).

I again testify to the general improvement and good condition of these boats, and to the civility of the occupants in rendering me assistance in my inspection. I also can again testify to the improvement in health and comfort of the occupants generally.

The reduction in the number of inspections is accounted for by the fact that there has been a decrease of traffic on the canal.

Whooping cough prevalent in Wolverley parish during September and October.

## SPECIAL INSPECTIONS AND LETTERS.

30th March, 1900. — Letter from Dr. Addenbrooke *re* Wellsbury—garbage, &c., stating he did not find anything offensive, or likely to become a nuisance.

18th of March.—Letter from Dr. Addenbrooke *re* the case of scarlet fever, Oakes, Wolverley Grammar School ; case receiving his attention.

April 11th.—Letter from Dr. Addenbrooke *re* kitchen sink and dumbwell at Miss Awdry's, Franche Road ; nuisance attended to.

May 9th. — Letter from Dr. Addenbrooke, *re* Parker's Cottage, Caunsall, drains choked ; the matter was attended to.

May 30th.—*Re* complaint from Mr. Whittall, Catchem's End ; accumulations attended to.

July 2nd.—Letter from Dr. Addenbrooke *re* ventilator at Hill Grove Estate ; deficiency attended to.

July 31st.—Two notices served on Mr. John Thomas and William Cook, Franche, by order of Dr. Addenbrooke, Medical Officer ; the former for defective drainage, and the latter for accumulations. These notices were served by Mr. Cowderoy in my absence.

Special Inspection by Dr. Addenbrooke, Dr. Fosbroke, and myself on Monday, August 13th, at Wribbenhall and Catchem's End ; I also attended the County Council Inquiry at Wribbenhall, on 15th August, 1900.

Aug. 31st.—Letter from Dr. Addenbrooke stating that he had visited Factory Row, Cookley, and endorsing my action in issuing notices over dangerous building. This was attended to. Also dangerous building at Caunsall (Webb).

Sept. 5th.—Letter from Dr. Addenbrooke reporting closets at Foley Park in a bad condition ; this has been attended to.

Sept. 10th.—Letter and telegram from Bennett, about a nuisance at Dowles Croft. This has been attended to by Mr. Matthews, agent, Birmingham.

Oct. 8th.—Letter from Dr. Addenbrooke, Medical Officer, stating Wood, of Mustow Green, was suffering from diphtheria imported by himself from Worcester. This case came before the Worcester Justices ; a fine of £1 and costs was imposed.

Oct. 16th.—Letter from Dr. Addenbrooke, accumulation of stinking garbage and fish bones at land, Lowe Farm. This was attended to.

Nov. 21st.—Letter from Dr. Addenbrooke, reporting a case of anthrax at Oldington Farm. Visited by Sergt. Brazier and myself, and everything that could be suggested was done.

Dec. 3rd.—Letter and notification of enteric fever at The Huts, Eymore Wood (Barnes). Disinfectants supplied, and case attended to by Dr. Addenbrooke.

The whole of the nuisances have been abated without any proceedings being taken before the Justices. Three cases still left outstanding.

Trusting I have given you satisfaction in my capacity as your Inspector, and thanking you for your kind assistance and support, I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

CHARLES STEADMAN,

*Inspector of Nuisances.*